

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 387
By Rice

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Dave Loos and the Austin Peay State University men's basketball team on winning the 1996 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament championship.

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee is very proud of its basketball teams which work hard, show exceptional ability and succeed; and

WHEREAS, the 1995-1996 Austin Peay State University men's basketball team is one such outstanding squad, which recently won the coveted Ohio Valley Conference Tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, in the first round of that tournament Austin Peay defeated Eastern Kentucky 89-67, in the second round Peay beat Tennessee State University 83-62 and in the championship game they edged Murray State University 70-68, in one of the most exciting games ever in OVC Tournament play; and

WHEREAS, their triumph in the tournament earned this excellent squad a trip to the prestigious NCAA Tournament, their fourth such trip and the first one since 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Governors had a good overall record of 19-11; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded **Head Coach Dave Loos**, who won his 150th game this season, did a great job, carefully preparing the team. He was helped by **Assistant Coach Tony Collins**, **Assistant Coach Bret Campbell** and **Graduate Assistant Brian Ayers**; and

WHEREAS, team leaders included: junior shooting sensation forward **Bubba Wells**, who averaged 26.7 points per game, making him one of the leading scorers in the nation, was the team's top rebounder, is the fourth leading scorer in school history with 1,683 points and was chosen the OVC Tournament Most Valuable Player, First Team All-OVC and OVC Player of the Week twice; senior forward **Jermaine Savage**, who averaged 17.4 points per game, was the OVC's best all-round performer and was named second team, All-OVC and OVC Player of the Week; sophomore center **Reggie Crenshaw**, an OVC All-Tournament selection; sophomore guard **Joe Sibbitt**, who set a single season school record for most three-pointers made at 87 and was an OVC All-Tournament honoree; and junior guard **Colby Pierce**, who was one of the nation's leaders in assists; and

WHEREAS, each of the other players: **Cole Casbon, Adrian Sensabaugh, Jake Powers, Clint Mason, Mike Witherspoon** and **Eddie Perdue**, contributed to the success of the squad; and

WHEREAS, their hard-working **Sports Information Director** was **Chris Belvin**; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this fine team be specially recognized on their accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Dave Loos and the 1995-1996 Austin Peay State University men's basketball team on winning the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, and we wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.